

FIGHT AGAINST PROHIBITION.

CHAIRMAN HURLEY AND SAMUEL GOMPERS DEFEND LIQUOR SELLING.

They Tell Senate Committee That Organized Labor is Opposed to Prohibition and That it Would be Dangerous to Make Experiment.

Washington, June 25.—Declaring that the nation cannot afford to conduct experiments at this time Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board today opposed absolute prohibition before the senate agricultural committee. "We've got to put all the smash and drive we've got into this war," he declared. He said, in his opinion there would be more risk connected with prohibition at this time than in the conscription of labor.

Samuel Gompers said that organized labor was opposed to absolute prohibition. The bringing up of the question now will "throw the apple of discord among the people of this country." Secretary Daniels appeared to advocate prohibition.

KERENSKY IN LIMELIGHT.

Former Russian Dictator Will Try to Save His Country.

London, June 26.—Alexander Kerensky, former provisional premier of Russia, has arrived in London, on his way to America.

Kerensky was introduced to the British labor conference this afternoon and was received by the delegates with loud cheers.

"I believe, indeed I am certain," added the former premier, "that the Russian people will shortly join you in the fight for the great cause of freedom."

Kerensky's appearance before the laborites was a complete surprise. When Arthur Henderson, minister without portfolio in the British council, and former labor leader in the House of Parliament, introduced him, he spoke in Russian and his remarks were interpreted to the assemblage. He began with an expression of thanks, saying:

"I am very much impressed by the reception accorded me.

"I do not take it as an expression of sympathy toward me. It is an expression of sympathy toward Russian democracy which is fighting for the ideals of war to us all."

Kerensky's mission in England and the purpose of his visit to America is to inform the people of the two countries, especially the influential Russians, of the exact conditions in Russia with a view of procuring Allied aid for that country. M. Nabokoff, charge d'affaires of the Russian embassy in London, told the Associated Press today:

M. Nabokoff was the first person to greet Kerensky upon the latter's arrival in England and has spent more time than any one else in London with the former Russian premier. In his conversation with the Associated Press representative M. Nabokoff said:

"Kerensky told me that Russia is like a strong man recovering from sickness. She is healthier than before. All she needs is assistance from the outside. She does not want interference in her international affairs. That problem she will solve in her way. It is economic and financial aid that she needs."

"Kerensky is not a social revolutionary," he added. "He is a citizen of Russia and appeals to all intelligent Russians everywhere in behalf of the fatherland. He especially welcomes American aid because he knows it will be disinterested and not the result of political ambitions."

"He dislikes the use of the term 'intervention' as applied to Russia. He prefers to term it 'assistance' because he does not believe that Russia has gone out of the war. He insists that the Russian front exists, that it has been merely pushed back by the Germans and Austrians and will be restored by the resurrected Russians who are rapidly recovering from their illness."

Rest Room for Fourth.

On July 4th, the Chamber of Commerce rooms and the Home Demonstration department of the Chamber will be turned over as a rest room for white ladies and girls, and plenty of ice water will be on hand for their refreshment. The City National Bank in which the Chamber of Commerce is located, second floor, facing East Liberty street will cooperate with the commercial organization in allowing the use of the bank's ladies' room for the accommodation of the visiting ladies and girls. The Elks' Club, City school buildings, court room, and the ladies' rest room in the Court House will also be open for the same purposes.

The War Savings Stamp campaign ends Saturday. Have you bought your full quota of Stamps or signed a pledge to buy them before January 1st next?

CAPTURE OF NEW YORK.

Officers Tell German Soldiers That They Have Landed Army in United States.

With the American Army in France, June 26 (By the Associated Press).—German prisoners captured by the Americans on storming the Belleau Wood section last night now number 250, including seven officers. One of the officers said the German commanders have been telling the soldiers that the Germans had landed an army in America, captured New York and are now marching toward Philadelphia. The Germans also are told that submarines have sunk between 40 and 50 ships in Long Island Sound.

OFFICER AND NURSE DROWN.

Bodies Not Yet Recovered From Congaree River.

Columbia, June 26.—Capt Perry D. Shaw, of the depot brigade at Camp Jackson, and Miss Pearl Pennington, a nurse in the base hospital at the camp, were drowned in the Congaree river about four miles below the government dam late yesterday evening. News of the drowning did not reach the city until this morning.

Capt. Shaw and Miss Pennington and a lieutenant and another young nurse from the hospital had gone to the river banks for a few hours. The captain and Miss Pennington went in swimming. The lieutenant and the young woman he was with remained on the river bank. They observed some time after the captain and Miss Pennington had gone into the river that they were not to be seen. They became alarmed and began a hunt for them. No trace of them has been seen since. Their bodies had not been recovered up to tonight. The lieutenant came to the city immediately and searching parties returned to the river.

Miss Pennington was from Maine and Capt. Shaw from Columbia. Military police are tonight guarding the banks of the river and tomorrow morning the effort to recover the bodies will be renewed.

ITALY TO OBSERVE FOURTH.

American Independence Day Proclaimed Holiday in Italy.

Rome, Tuesday, June 25.—The coming Fourth of July which will be proclaimed an Italian national holiday, will be celebrated throughout the country. Cities and villages will be decorated with the American and Italian flags.

The day will be marked in Florence by the granting of citizenship in that municipality to President Wilson. Other large cities will have processions.

Automobile Parade July 4th, 1918.

Parade will form at the intersection of Main street and Manning avenue, running back to Dingle street as far as necessary. Parade to move at 2:30 p. m. sharp.

Cars are requested to show flags or some patriotic decorations. Positively no business advertisements to be displayed.

Line of parade up Main street to Warren street, up Warren to Washington, down Washington to Liberty, up Liberty to Church, up Church to Broad, up Broad to Salem, down Salem to Oakland, up Oakland to Washington, up Washington to Calhoun, up Calhoun to Main, and back down Main to Liberty.

All traffic will please observe line of parade and keep streets open.

H. Harby, Chairman,
J. J. Williams,
F. Leon Scott,
H. C. Bland,
F. M. Moise,
R. L. McLeod,
M. M. Platt,
J. E. King,
Committee.

A number of men qualified today to vote in the municipal election by obtaining registration certificates from City Supervisor of Registration Knight. Only about one-half of the men eligible for registration have obtained certificates thus far. The books close Saturday night and those who are not registered by that time will not be permitted to vote in any regular or special election that may be held during the next two years. The establishment of a municipal lighting plant is one important question that is to come before the voters of the city in the near future and every man who is interested in the welfare of Sumter will want to have a voice in deciding this question. If you are interested you have two more days in which to qualify.

Every man, woman and child in Sumter county is expected to attend the Fourth of July celebration, and every family is expected to bring a well filled basket for the big picnic dinner.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

Committee on Entertainment of Officers of Camp Jackson 4th of July Celebration and Picnic.

Hon. L. D. Jennings, chairman; Neil O'Donnell, D. D. Moise, J. P. Booth, C. G. Rowland, H. C. Haynsworth, S. H. Edmunds, Benjamin D. Hodges, I. C. Strauss, H. L. Scarborough, Mark Reynolds, R. O. Purdy, W. Percy Smith, G. A. Lemon, R. D. Epps, A. S. Harby, Ray Schwartz, C. E. Hurst, W. A. Bryan, J. H. Myers, H. L. Tisdale, C. L. Stubbs, R. Dozier Lee, Dr. E. R. Wilson, Dr. J. A. Mood, Mrs. A. S. Merriman, Mrs. Shepard Nash, Mrs. W. Bruce Lynam, Miss Francesca Teicher and Miss Mary Wilson.

Chairman L. D. Jennings requests that the ladies and gentlemen of this committee will meet at 4 o'clock Friday (tomorrow afternoon, June 28) at Mr. Jennings' office. This meeting is very important, and a full attendance of the committee is respectfully urged.

COLORED CELEBRATION JULY 1.

List of Committees Appointed to Arrange for The Celebration.

Editor Daily Item:

Please publish the following committees of the Colored Council of Defense for the Fourth of July celebration:

Rev. A. J. Andrews,
Chairman Celebration Committees and Sumter Township.

Mrs. Susie Lawson, Chairman; Mesdames Pansy Maxwell, Pearl Spears, Edna Davis, Dinah Brunson, Dora McFadden, Amanda Harris, C. W. Birnie, Miss Eloise LaVan, Mrs. Lella Williams, Miss Naomi Singleton, Mesdames, Ella Page, Grace Killingsworth, Alma Boykin, Dolly Cuthbert, Rebecca Sally, S. Jayroe, Josephine Cassell, Miss Carrie Dozier, Mesdames S. P. Brown, Sarah Howard, Anna Coleman, Fannie Anderson, J. C. Prioleau, Isabella McDonald, M. L. Anderson, N. C. Gass, J. P. Foster, Helen Usher, S. J. Donnelly, W. W. McCullough, Mary Luc Williams, Julia Jones, Misses M. A. Savage, Mamie Glover, Edith Seabrook, Mesdames Louise Maxwell, Annie Sanders, Anna Harrison.

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Rafting Creek—Mr. T. B. Wright, Chairman; Mrs. Diggs, Mrs. Morant. Middleton Township—Mr. R. H. Richardson, Chairman; Mesdames Rebecca Richardson, Wynn, Mrs. DeLonge.

Manchester Township—Mr. J. R. Mitchell, Chairman; Mesdames Susan Richardson, J. R. Mitchell, Dinah Ragins, Martha Allen, Simmons, Isham Mitchell.

Shiloh Township—Mr. M. J. McFadden, Chairman; Misses Sallie Lowry, Rosa Muldrow, Mesdames G. B. Tillman, Burgess.

Concord Township—Mr. E. W. Gregg, Chairman, Mesdames Frier, E. W. Gregg, Misses Maggie Saunders, Cornelia Manoney, Lula Manoney.

Stateburg Township—Rev. R. B. Curry, Chairman, Mrs. Hattie D. Taylor, Miss Louise Bradley; Mesdames John Spann, Brown, Emma Green, Rose Taylor.

Privateer Township—Rev. C. F. Brodgon, Chairman; Misses Elizabeth Brodgon, Carrie Glisson, Mrs. Pack, Mrs. Tindal, Mrs. J. H. Neal.

Providence Township—Mr. F. M. Martin, Chairman; Mesdames M. Jackson, F. M. Martin, Lucy Pope, Anna Murray, Lizzie White, Miss Mary Hill.

Oswego Township—Mr. P. B. Bruner, Chairman; Miss Flora Durant, Mesdames P. P. Bruner, Carrie Montgomery, Moses.

Rev. L. D. Davis, Co. Chm.,
L. Bragg Anthony, M. D.,
Executive Secretary.

Death.

Mrs. Camilla C. Dufant died at 11 o'clock last night at her home on W. Hampton Avenue of apoplexy, aged 66 years. The funeral services will be held from her late residence at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning and the interment will be at the Sumter cemetery. The deceased was the widow of the late A. C. Dufant, and is survived by the following children: Dr. C. H. Dufant, of this city, Mrs. B. F. Kelly of Bishopville, Mrs. J. H. Grady, of Petersburg, Va., Miss Kate Dufant of Washington, and Miss Mitt Dufant, of Spartanburg.

Notice.

All merchants who promised to invest sales of last Friday in War Savings Stamps are requested to buy these stamps themselves if they have not already done so. Some misunderstanding has arisen as to this matter and it is hoped that no time will be lost in the purchasing of the stamps.

FRIDAY

— WAS —

WAR SAVINGS DAY

☞ The Campaign for War Savings Pledges is now over.

☞ It is never too late to do good. If you have failed to get in your pledge, get it in at once.

☞ The money that goes to the Government on loans secured by these Stamps is money that buys food and clothing and fighting material for the boys in France.

☞ Do not you want to help the boys on the firing line?

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RED CROSS CANTEN BENEFIT.

Vaudeville Show by Dramatic Club of Camp Jackson.

The people of Sumter, who have enjoyed the week-end visits of the soldiers from Camp Jackson, have a greater treat in store for them.

The K. of C. Dramatic Club of Camp Jackson, desiring to show their appreciation of the gracious hospitality and the wonderful "Sumter spirit" are going to give a most enjoyable vaudeville performance on the evening of July 3rd, at the Academy of Music. This performance will be given by an all star cast, composed of former professionals on the big circuits, and the acts which they are giving are in many cases, very similar, if not identical with the acts which they gave in the big vaudeville theatres.

The Philharmonic Music Club has in charge, and the proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross Canteen.

Arrangements are being made for the entertainment of the twenty-two or more soldiers, composing this company.

THE USE OF COAL.

Conservation Expected of Domestic Coal Users.

The bureau of conservation of the United States Fuel Administration has estimated that it will be necessary to save fifteen million tons of coal, in private residences, apartment houses, churches, schools and commercial buildings other than factories.

The fuel administration is now issuing directions whereby State and county fuel administrators are given a program of action to check up every order for domestic coal and curtail orders for excessive tonnage. No order will be completely filled until approved by the local coal authorities.

This plan has been in operation in Philadelphia for the last six months, under the direction of Francis A. Lewis and T. C. Mahady. Mr. Mahady, from the Washington headquarters, will make the work national.

The inspection system exposes the consumer who has deliberately misstated facts on his coal order.

Clean Furnaces and Stoves.

The United States fuel administration urges an immediate cleanup of furnaces and stoves.

General Reception Committee.

Fourth of July celebration. B. C.

Wallace Chairman. Gentlemen—H. L. Scarborough, R. E. Wilder, C. M. Hurst, A. M. Broughton, H. P. Moses, D. R. McCallum, T. W. McCollum, J. H. McCollum, John T. Green, C. C. Peck, S. L. Krasnoff, W. Percival Smith, G. W. Hutchinson, C. W. Smith, F. D. Knight, J. R. Clack, W. F. Shaw, S. K. Rowland, C. L. Stubbs, C. B. Huff, J. W. Shaw, Willie Shaw, E. S. Booth, J. P. Booth, Manning Brown, J. M. Chandler, B. O. Canney, R. A. Bradham, L. E. White, J. F. Bland, R. O. Purdy, H. D. Barnett, A. H. Flowers, Henry Spann, F. M. Moise, J. B. Folsom, Isaac Strauss, Willie Bultman, R. S. Hood, W. M. Folsom, R. D. Epps, Ray Schwartz, W. R. Phillips, W. L. Boyle, Edwin Boyle, T. B. Kennedy, S. F. Stoudermire, M. H. Flaum, H. L. Tisdale, E. K. Friar, E. C. Haynsworth, J. L. Gillis, E. E. Rembert, C. B. Yeadon, W. O. Staley, C. W. Hicks, N. G. Osteen, Jr., B. C. Wallace, Jr., J. L. Brodgon, B. R. White, J. D. White, G. W. Mahoney, W. B. Colclough, J. C. Dunbar, B. M. Oliver, S. M. McCoy, H. T. Edens, R. C. Burress, E. E. Aycock, J. B. Ryan, H. M. McLaurin, W. T. Brown, J. B. Crouch, S. J. Mims, W. W. Green, J. M. Kolb, W. J. Reese, Stanyarne Burrows, A. C. Burrows, A. C. Thompson, J. R. Terry, W. D. McLeod, J. C. Rodgers, Silus Truluck, J. P. Richardson, H. H. Winkles, P. M. Pitts, W. S. Thompson, W. Y. Pitts, L. S. Vinson, W. J. Lawrence, Jr., Sam Newman, Ralph Hill, F. O. Jennings, S. J. White, J. C. Stukes, J. M. Jackson, C. H. Hurst, C. E. Hurst, W. W. Rowland.

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ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Young White Man Seriously Wounds Himself at Columbia.

Columbia, June 26.—Claude Kelly, a young white man 22 years of age, shot and very seriously wounded himself this morning, giving as his reason therefor that he would rather die than enter the army. He was to have reported today to the city exemption board for induction into the military service. The attempted suicide occurred at the home of the young man on Lumber street. He was rushed to a local hospital, where, it was stated, that his condition was very critical. He is not expected to recover.

Now that most of the low grade cotton has been sold at a low price, discounted because of a rule that prohibited its use in war orders, there has come an order from G. R. Young, chief of the cotton and cotton production section of the war industries board rescinding that rule. Government tests in 1913 proved that the tensile strength of low grade cotton is as great as that of high grade cotton, and John L. McLaurin preached the fact all over York county. The idea that it was not known to government officials was absurd. The whole thing looks mighty fishy to us—this thing of robbing the farmers on pretense that his low grade cotton is not available for government contracts, and then after all the low grade cotton is out of his hands, putting it on a basis of the best grades and giving the spinner the profit the farmer ought to have had. We would like to see the thing investigated to the bottom, and we would like to see somebody compelled to refund to the farmer every cent out of which he has been robbed by what looks to us like such a scurvy trick.—Yorkville Enquirer.

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